

"Patronize One Another."

ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

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forces of the army, and the President wisely relieved Gen. Burnside from his position. He was humiliated to any man of position. He was humiliated to any man of position. He was humiliated to any man of position.

THE CHANCELLORVILLE CAMPAIGN.

THE ARMY UNDER HOOKER.

In an army composed of citizens of a country who have taken up arms from patriotic motives in a war they consider just, there is a perennial spring of moral renovation. Such armies have constantly exhibited an astonishing endurance, and possessing a bond of cohesion and discipline, have shown their power to withstand shocks that would dislocate the structure of other military organizations.

EDITION OF PATRIOTISM IN THE ARMY.

The Army of the Potomac was a kind. Driven hither and thither by continual buffets of fortune; losing its strength in unavailing efforts; changing its leaders, and yet finding no depreciable misadventure and unrepented by the people whose battles it had fought in spirit. Yet, notwithstanding the untoward fortunes the Army of the Potomac had suffered, could it be said to be really demoralized, for its heart was still in the war; it never failed to respond to any demand made upon it, and it was every ready to renew its courage at the first ray of hope.

ORDER ORGANIZED BY HOOKER.

Such a day-spring came with the appointment of Gen. Hooker to the chief command, and under his influence the tone of the army underwent a change that would appear astonishing, had not its elastic vitality been so often proved. Hooker's measures of reform were judiciously cut away the roots of many evils; stopped desertion and its causes; did away with the nuisance of the "Grand Division" organization; infused vitality through the staff and added distinctive badges to the different corps; (1) instituted a system of furloughs; consolidated the cavalry under able leaders, and soon enabled it not only to stand upon an equality with the rest of the army, but to become a great asset to its superiority over the Virginia horsemen of Stuart.

These things proved Gen. Hooker to be an able administrative officer, but they did not prove him to be a competent commander. He was a great army, and whatever anticipation might be formed touching this he was to be drawn from his previous career as a corps commander, in which he had won the reputation of being a "fighting" officer, and earned the sobriquet of "Fighting Joe." He had gained a great popularity both in the army and throughout the country—a result to which his fine soldierly appearance and friendly manner had contributed. He was not diminished by a habit he had of self-assertion, which, however, proved little, since he was either the manifestation of impotent conceit, or the proud attempt of command to assert its superiority over a pitiable critic of his predecessors in command. He was now to be tried in an ordeal where no man had yet escaped unscathed.

PERFECTING THE WAR MACHINE.

The new commander judiciously resolved to do his work in the most judicious manner, and the first three months after he assumed command were well spent in rehabilitating the army. The ranks were filled up by the retrained soldiers; the discipline and instruction of the troops were energetically continued, and the close of April found the Army of the Potomac in a high degree of efficiency in all arms. (3) It numbered 120,000 men, and a powerful artillery force of above 400 guns. (4) It was divided into seven corps. The First Corps under Gen. Sedgwick; the Second under Gen. Burnside; the Third under Gen. Sickles; the Fifth under Gen. Meade; the Sixth under Gen. Sedgwick; the Eleventh under Gen. Howard; and the Twelfth under Gen. Slocum. (7)

It was a system of army organization that of his opponent: for relying on the strength of the line of the Rappahannock, he had, in February, detached two divisions, under River, we supposed Washington to be garrisoned sufficiently, and the Potomac was to be held by the Army of the Potomac. The fortification of Harper's Ferry is another important requisite. These matters were considered as of course, and did not enter into our discussion of the two plans of campaign. I am, however, inclined to suppose that I advised the withdrawal of the army from James River in July last. I think that under the same circumstances I would give the same advice. The army was a magnificent one, and it was a magnificent one. It was a magnificent one.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. B. FRANKLIN,
Major-General.

1. The term of the badge designation was the "F" badge, which was worn by the First Corps, and the soldiers of his division to see a piece of red flannel to their caps, so that he could recognize them in the tumult of battle. Hooker developed the idea into a system of army organization, and henceforth the different corps and divisions could always be distinguished by the red, white, or blue trefle, cross, lozenge, star, etc.

2. The cavalry of the army had hitherto had no organization whatever as a corps. It was organized by brigades or divisions and scattered among the grand division commanders. From the time of its connection with the army, it was a magnificent one, and it was a magnificent one. It was a magnificent one.

der Longstreet, to operate south of the James River, (8) and the remainder did not need an effective force. (9) Hooker, therefore, was in a situation to attempt a bold enterprise, and the close of April found him ready to cross the Rappahannock and give battle.

3. "Gen. Longstreet, with two divisions of his corps, was detached for service south of James River in February, and did not rejoin the army until after the battle of Chancellorsville."—Lee: Report of Chancellorsville, p. 5.

9. The rolls of Lee's army showed, the 31st of March, 1863, a force of 60,298. But at the battle of Chancellorsville, the reports of the subordinate make it fully 100,000 less.

(To be continued.)

THE FAR NORTHWEST.

Hardships of a Fruitless Trip to Fraser River.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: For a number of years I have been a subscriber to and an interested reader of The National Tribune. I am particularly interested in its stories of our country's Western border. I read with pleasure Gen. John Pope's narrative of his trip from Fort Snelling, Minn., in 1852, to what is now the city of Winnipeg; and, for their reason, the same journey; and I propose now, if acceptable to you, to give your readers a short sketch of that experience, hoping to interest the many of our country's old Minnesota comrades of the civil war, as well as other friends in the North Star State.

I went to Minnesota in 1857 from Pennsylvania and was employed in the printing offices of St. Paul for a year. In 1858 the Fraser River gold craze struck the Northwest, and I, with a number of associates, decided to go to the gold fields. We decided to make the attempt to get rich with the gold of that then unknown region.

We left St. Paul about July 20, 1858, with what was then familiarly known as "the Red River train," a caravan that came every year from Fort Garry (now Winnipeg), to St. Paul for supplies of all kinds, and for the purpose of returning with the furs taken during the previous winter. This caravan consisted of carts, each drawn by an ox, and built entirely of wood in the most clumsy manner, and were loaded with goods. Occasionally an axle would break, when a new one would have to be made from green timber.

We followed the Mississippi Valley to St. Paul, and followed what was known as the "Plains Road." This route traversed a region almost entirely prairie, crossing a number of streams, however, including the Red, which we forded a few miles below what is now the city of Fergus Falls, Minn. We crossed Red River a short distance below the city of Fergus Falls, and followed its west bank to Pembina and Fort Garry. We camped one night at the mouth of the Cheyenne, where the city of Fargo now is; and I believe there was not a habitation closer to the mouth of the Cheyenne than that.

One evening after going into camp, on a small, deep stream, I went to the creek after water, and saw in the water a large mud turtle. Returning to camp, I noticed my partner, Charles Curtis, and in pursuing a hook, we went back and captured the turtle. A fine feast was the result next morning.

As the mosquitoes were killed by the use of the mosquito net, we enjoyed the luxury of buffalo steaks.

Once during the journey the Red River people, with the train, mostly of French descent, started a rumor that the hostile Sioux were about to make an attack on us, and the leaders decided that the Americans should do the picket duty. The Yanks were ordered to picket duty, and the French were to be on guard duty. There was a company of English soldiers stationed at Fort Garry at that time, composed principally of two regiments, the end of their enlistment, 21 years; the commander being Capt. Hibberts. The company to remember some of these soldiers were with us, and they were a strange and they took me in and treated me in true Christian spirit.

In the Spring of 1859, having become convinced that I was not built for a gold campaign, I decided to return to the States, and left Fort Garry June 9, following the Red River Valley to Pembina. On that day, the first steampoint to traverse the waters of Red arrived at Fort Pembina. The steampoint was a small, two-masted schooner, and it was a magnificent one. It was a magnificent one.

On the 10th of March, Hooker sent out an expedition of six mounted regiments and a battery, under Gen. Averell, to engage the Confederate cavalry on Lee's left, holding position near Kelly's Ford. Forcing the passage of the Rappahannock at Kelly's Ford, on the morning of the 15th, the army was captured, and the army was captured. The army was captured.

3. It was not without truth that Hooker, at this time, in his handsome style, named it the finest army on the plains. The data are as follows: The effective of the Fifth, Eleventh, and Twelfth corps was 22,000; the effective of the First and Averell's loss was 84; that of the Confederate of the War, second Series, vol. 1, p. 120. The effective of the Sixth Corps is given by Gen. Sedgwick (ibid., p. 96) as 22,000; and the effective of the First and Third Corps, by the same authority, was 25,000. There remains the Second Corps, to which, if we give a minimum of 18,000, will result the aggregate of 119,661. 6. Hunt: Report of Artillery Operations, p. 7. Gen. Franklin and Sumner both retired from the Army of the Potomac after the change of commander. The latter was assigned to command the First Corps, and he came south afterward at his home in New York, lamented by the army and the country as the bravest of soldiers and purest of

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